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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON

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1. IN LIGHT OF ENFORCED LATE SCHEDULE CHANGE, IT NOW APPEARS CEQ CHAIRMAN PETERSON AND HIS ADVISOR DR. TALBOT WILL BE IN BANGKOK NEARLY FULL DAY. NOW SCHEDULED ARRIVE VIA TG 304 AT 2115 HOURS JAN. 20 AND DEPART FOR SINGAPORE ENROUTE TO JAKARTA VIA SQ 631 AT 1720 HOURS JAN. 21.

2. GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, CHAIRMAN PETERSON WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE THIS TIME TO SEE SOMETHING OF THAI NATURAL AREAS AND WILDLIFE, PARTICULARLY BIRDS; AND CONSEQUENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE FIELD

TRIP TO KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK OR OTHER SUITABLE AREA.
POSSIBLE CONTACTS TO ASSIST IN SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE
PHAIROT SUWANAKORN, CHIEF OF NATIONAL PARKS, ROYAL FOREST
DEPARTMENT, AND PONG LENG-EE, CHIEF OF WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION (SAME DEPARTMENT). BOTH MEN ARE KNOWN TO
TALBOT. IN CASE EITHER OF ABOVE NOT AVAILABLE EMBASSY
MIGHT ATTEMPT CONTACT DR. BOONSONG LEKAGUL, ASSOCIATION
FOR CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE, 4 CUSTOM HOUSE, BANGKOK.
LATTER WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT NATURALIST COMPANION SINCE
BOONSONG PROBABLY THAILAND'S FOREMOST BIRD EXPERT,
ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HE IS NOT POPULAR WITH FORESTRY
AUTHORITIES. BOONSONG WELL KNOWN TO TALBOT.

3. SENDING FULL CORRECTED ITINERARY SEPT. PLEASE
BOOK TWO SINGLES AND CONFIRM FLIGHT SCHEDULE AND
RESERVATIONS. REGRET TARDINESS OF THIS SCHEDULE
DEVELOPMENT AND INCONVENIENCE TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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